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LETTER DATED 13 JULY 1998 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the English translation of note verbale of 14 June 1998 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Tehran.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Note verbale dated 14 June 1998 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Tehran

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Tehran and has the honour to state the following.

Relevant Iranian border authorities have reported that on 23 November 1997, at 1700 hours, an Iranian fishing boat belonging to Mr. Abd-Al Nabi Kazemi was threatened and intercepted by an Iraqi tugboat equipped with a machine-gun at the mouth of Shatt-Al Arab. The Iraqi crew took an Iranian crew member, Mohammad Shahinian, inside the Iraqi tugboat, stole the wrist watches of the crew, looted the foodstuffs in the boat and then released the Iranian fisherman and fled the scene.

The Islamic Republic of Iran registers its vigorous objection to such acts and requests the Government of that Embassy to take necessary measures to prevent the recurrence of such acts, which contravene the principle of good-neighbourly relations and international norms.